

Regular Session, 2009

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12

BY SENATOR HEBERT

ENVIRONMENT QUALITY DEPT. Requests the Department of Environmental Quality to conduct a public hearing in the parish of Iberia concerning the proposed landfill near the Acadiana Regional Airport.

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality ("department") to conduct a public hearing in the parish of Iberia concerning the proposed landfill near the Acadiana Regional Airport.

WHEREAS, an application for a permit for the expansion of a construction and demolition debris solid waste facility has been submitted to the department; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration's National Wildlife Strike Database notes that from January 1990 to November 2008 there were two thousand four hundred and sixty four bird strikes in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2009, shortly after departure from New York's LaGuardia airport, a US Airways Airbus A320 incurred multiple bird strikes causing the plane to make an emergency landing in the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the parish of Iberia are concerned about the potential for the landfill to attract birds, and the potential effects of bird strikes upon airline travel in and from the Acadiana Regional Airport, including threats to the lives and safety of airline passengers and to the local citizens living and working within the airport flight paths; and

WHEREAS, officials from the Federal Aviation Administration should be requested to attend the hearing and to provide guidance on the potential effects of bird strikes upon

1 airline travel in and from the Acadiana Regional Airport; and

2 WHEREAS, the Iberia Parish Airport Authority oversees the operations of the  
3 Acadiana Regional Airport; and

4 WHEREAS, the Acadiana Regional Airport is located in the prime location between  
5 the two major markets of Houston and New Orleans, and has one thousand two hundred  
6 acres available for commercial development to attract new businesses to the Airport  
7 Industrial Park; and

8 WHEREAS, the citizens of the parish of Iberia are concerned about the effects the  
9 landfill will have on their community, and the ability of the Iberia Parish Airport Authority  
10 to attract new businesses to the Airport Industrial Park; and

11 WHEREAS, the citizens of the parish of Iberia desire for their concerns to be heard  
12 prior to any permit decision by the department.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
14 does hereby requests the Department of Environmental Quality to conduct a public hearing  
15 in the parish of Iberia concerning the proposed landfill near the Acadiana Regional Airport.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
17 secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality and the Office of the Associate  
18 Administrator for Airports, Federal Aviation Administration.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. W. Wiley.

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